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"CAP'N HIGGINS"

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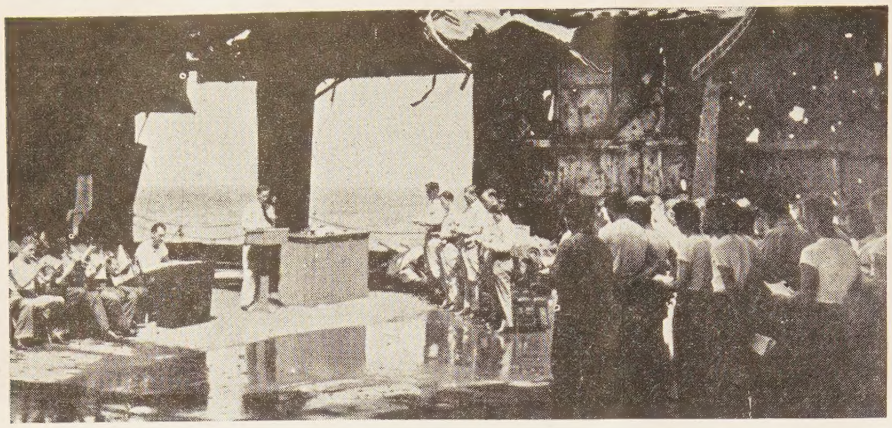

CHAPLAIN GATLIN CONDUCTING SERVICES ON PARTIALLY DESTROYED USS FRANKLIN

Chaplain Gatlin Wins Silver Star

"I wanted to keep the men close to the love of Christ," Chaplain G. Weldon Gatlin of the Central Texas Conference declares is the reason he stayed aboard the U.S.S. Aircraft Carrier Franklin following its partial destruction by a Japanese dive bomber on Mar. 19th, with a casualty toll of more than 1000.

"When the dive bomber attacked our carrier, I was in the wardroom having coffee, following the burial at sea of a sailor. A fellow officer calmly said, 'Finish your coffee, Gatlin, it may be the last you'll get'. On our way to the flight deck, we found scores of injured, most of whom were more concerned for their shipmates and their loved ones than for themselves. We helped those we could, rescued some who were trapped in a bulkhead, and said prayers for many who asked for them.

"Most of the wounded inside the ship and on the flight deck had New Testaments with them, and asked that favorite passages be read to them. I read to them by flashlight, and said prayers with them. This ministry and a few words of encouragement helped to quiet their fears.

"Cap'n Higgins"

Meet the man who will be one of the best known figures in Boston before summer is over.

He's typical Cape Cod Yankee—far from garrulous, but when he does talk, he says something worth hearing.

"Cap'n" Higgins, whose strong weather-lined face speaks eloquently of a lifetime spent in the open, has lived most of his life on or within sight of the sea.

He is a native of Orleans on Cape Cod. He went to sea when he was 16 and put in more than a decade thereafter on the Halifax-Boston run.

Then came more than 20 years of service with the Coast Guard at High Head, Highland Station, North Truro, and Brant Rock. The adventures that befell him during that 20 years would fill volumes. Close friends and relatives say that in addition to pulling his oar in every rescue mission at his stations during that long period, he is credited with several unassisted feats of livesaving. But don't waste your time trying to draw that information out of Cap'n Higgins. He just "ain't talkin'."

"It isn't so far different from Lifesaving Service when you come to think of it this way," he explains. "Victory gardens may help to shorten the war. For every day that the war is shortened, you can figure on hundreds of useful lives saved."

"If worst comes to worst, I can always content myself with the pigeons. There seems to be plenty of them around here, anyway," he commented.

Niemoeller Asks Christians to Help Germans

Helen Hiett

Religious News Service Correspondent

NAPLES (By Wireless)—Pastor Martin Niemoeller has urged that Christians in the United States and Britain mobilize to help the German people through the coming winter. At a press conference here with thirty Allied correspondents, the German Confessional church leader, who was liberated recently after eight years' imprisonment in Nazi concentration camps, said the chief purpose behind his projected trip to the United States is to organize help for the Germans similar to that given them by Quakers after the last war.

"I do not believe that the governments of the Allied nations are able or willing to do sufficient in this respect," he said, stressing the need for American and British Christians to send food to Germany through their churches.

Pastor Niemoeller discussed the possible effect of the Allied campaign to publicize Nazi concentration camp atrocities inside Germany. He commented on why so little is known about the anti-Nazi resistance movement in Germany. And he told why he volunteered to serve in the German Navy during 1939.

He said the first result of publishing atrocity pictures has been a shattering experience for most Germans, transforming the idealism with which they followed Hitler into a realization that "we have fallen into the hands of murderers and criminals." The revelations, he believes, have helped to crumble whatever pro-Nazi convictions still remained.

"I, myself, was shocked and shattered when I saw pictures and learned the extent of the atrocities," he said. "Although I had been in concentration camps for eight years, and thus was more aware than the average man of what was going on, learning the full extent of atrocities made me see the whole situation in a new light."

Warning that the publicizing of atrocity stories must be followed by constructive steps, the Berlin pastor said:

"If we spread the guilt complex too widely and deeply without following it up by making it possible for the Germa deem themselves as a people, we sibly be preparing the ground for in the sense that the Germans m assuage their own feeling of guilt ing in animosity against their neigh ing: 'He was more Nazi than I.'"

Pastor Niemoeller said he thoug easier for an Italian to remain Fa for a German today to remain Naz the Italians were never fooled into as much from Fascism as Germ from Nazism. "Furthermore," h "Fascism never perpetrated atrociti extent the Nazis did." Describing atrocities as of "a kind that has c unbridgeable gulf between the people and Nazi officials," he point example of the suicide of a Nazi b ter when he saw the Buchenwald

"He realized," Niemoeller co "that having been identified with t he could not go on living as a Ger

Discussing the resistance moveme Germany, Pastor Niemoeller said reason why so little is known ab that, unlike the situation in occup tries, it was impossible, until the e war, for German resisters to give the slightest indication of their Also, since the end of the war, no press medium has been available their work known.

"Until the permanent occupation determined," the pastor said, "m mans will fear to reveal their past laborate with the authorities.

"No German with convictions worked against the Nazis for Ger erty, can adhere to a foreign-impose before knowing what it will be."

Although a prisoner of the Nazi years before the war broke out in ber, 1939, Pastor Niemoeller explain tempt to volunteer for service in the Navy, as follows:

"By my doctrine and faith, I am give the service of my body for my but never my soul. My psychology teering was that of an able-bodie who sees three sons already dying country, while the father remains I believe a father should sacrifice fo rather than the sons sacrifice for th

Pastor Niemoeller stressed that t tian Church is Germany's only hop future, but said he was unable to on church participation in Germa affairs under the present Allied bl strictions.

Discussing the re-education of youth, Niemoeller's advice was: easy!"

"Patriotism is the only ideal w naturally idealistic young people h he said. "The vulnerable point young people is their natural pride break the shell, the egg will run o it easy. In the present psychological it is very easy to spoil all possibilitie future.

"I have never imposed ideas on dren and they have turned out to good people. The less our young p made to see and feel that they a treated according to the will of th the better it will be. But look to it teachers do not educate them wit reservations, or they will become m youth's eyes. The best education wo let all youth who so desire parti some way in the local community a government."

The Right to Live

JOHN G. RAMSAY

onditional surrender brings to us tremendous prob- nd responsibilities. It commits us all to a part in building of the world in which all people will have ght to live.

e are to be consistent in sharing in this world re- bility, we have much to do here in America to he way. It is necessary by more considered thought tion on our part in planning for the postwar world that all Americans have the right to live.

h the ending of this war there will be ten million people leaving the armed services seeking peace obs and security. There will also be some twenty n of our people who have been producing war ma- and services, who will be also seeking peace time nd security. Will there be enough jobs to go d? This is the question that causes many of our to be concerned about the fu- f themselves and their families. sident Philip Murray of the has stated that cutbacks and lations of war production be considerably deeper than lly stated. He further stated while congressional action is dvanced for the owners of in- , practically nothing has been to provide purchasing power he mass of the people who e unemployed as a result of cks."

Murray as president of the as led the Union in its think- nd the development of a plan employment. He is one of our est advocates for full employ- I want to emphasize this fact. organized labor movement be- that true dignity comes to a who, through his work, can decent living for his wife and en.

wever, in our economic system are times when individuals who are willing and work are denied that right. Well do the workers this. The postwar depression of World War I is ivid in the memories of this generation.

re will be mass unemployment as a result of cut- and cancellations of war production. In order to plish full employment and establish a sound econ- the following basic truth must be understood: "The asing power of the people must continue." The must have the right to live.

day back in the early nineteen thirties when we orkers had spasmodic employment in the mills, I tting outside the mill waiting for the mill to op- An airliner flew overhead. It started a train of hts through my mind that was something like this: vould like to ride in one of those airplanes."

ell, why don't I? I have lots of time."

s because I don't have enough money." (Purchasing .)

"Well, why don't I have enough money?"

"Because I don't have enough work."

"Why don't I have enough work?"

"Because I and millions of my fellow workers don't have enough money—money to purchase the production of our labor."

We were caught in a vicious ever-widening whirlpool from which there was no escape. Of course we struggled. Every man for himself. The more we struggled, the bigger grew the breadth of economic chaos pulling more and more of our fellow citizens in with us. It happened this way:

We gave up our nice comfortable homes. We crowded together in small homes, in rented rooms, doubling, yes and often tripling the numbers in a house built for one family. The landowners were drawn in the depression with us.

Many of us moved into the country. The farmer lost his customer and had ox cart competitors. He, too, found himself in the depression with the rest of us. Yes, farming no longer paid. Wonderful machinery the workers had made for the farmer got rusty in the barn because one could hire labor at fifteen cents an hour. The American standard of living went down and down and the workers' children left school to supplement the family income.

Many other unemployed workers went canvassing from house to house. "Buy direct from the factory and cut out the middleman's profit" was the slogan. They did not realize that they themselves had become middlemen who did not earn a decent living. They surely did make business lose a lot of sales, bringing many a businessman deep in the depression with us.

With the drop of the workers' income—the farmers' income—business income—America lost a potential one hundred billion annual income. That meant a big drop in tax income to meet an ever-increasing cost of government.

We workers of America became unemployed. We became hungry. Our children suffered malnutrition. Our families were poorly clothed and sheltered. We became sick in body and soul. We began to listen to false prophets who taught prejudice saying, "The Jews have all the money," "The Negro will get your job." I know, for I listened and was impressed. Huey Long, Charles Coughlin. . . . How close we in America came to giving a Hitler to the world in these men. There are and will be others.

There were other voices calling out of the experience of the past. There were the voices of the workers' movements saying, "You have a God given right to live. Stand up as a citizen in a great democracy and demand that right. It is your solemn obligation to your wife and children, to your mother and father, to maintain and build the stand-

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Poems

Thomas T. Johnston

(Apologies to Joyce Kilmer, and begging to differ in view)

I think I'll ne'er see where I roam
A tree as lovely as a poem—

A poem whose rapturous music pours
Like lark-songs through the out-of-doors,—

A poem whose sweeps of lofty art
Voice feelings, boundless, of the heart,

Whose leap of lively flame reveals
Man's holy yearnings, prayers, ideals,

Whose lips speak rough-hewn, rugged thoughts,
Or, dainty, as forget-me-nots.

Lovelier than trees 'neath heaven's dome
God's song, through man,—the living poem!

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ard of living that others have built for you. In union there is strength, unite."

The masses of unemployed listened. They organized the Unemployed Citizens Leagues. The voice of the people became articulate. Charity?—*No,* we want work. We want the right to live, out of the abundance our labor can produce.

Just think what we in America could have done for the world if we had shared the income we lost. We could have paid the workers in industry a guaranteed annual minimum wage. Then the workers would have been steady customers of the farmers, business and professional people instead of ox cart competitors and charity patients. The slack in purchasing power could have been quickly tightened and our economy stabilized. The CIO is all out for a guaranteed minimum annual wage in industry. Workers know that if management agrees to pay a guaranteed wage, it will plan for full employment.

Just suppose we found that we still did not need everyone working full time. We could have shortened the hours of work per day or the days of work per week. Of course, we would maintain the take-home pay and thus maintain high living standards for sound homes. But we didn't.

We laid off the underprivileged first. We discriminated against our colored brothers who were most frequently the last to be hired and the first to be fired. These were the workers we should have kept on the job so that they could have a full opportunity to develop security for their families and dignity for themselves. They needed employment to give them seniority in order to have the right to live. Yes, we denied some ten million of our people the right to live. Unemployment brought fear. It must not happen again.

America must and can feed, clothe, house and educate her people and maintain her leadership and open the way for our neighbors across the seas. The right to earn a living will only come when the purchasing power for the mass of people is maintained.

We have demanded unconditional surrender of others. We must give our own unconditional surrender to the will of God. When we lose our fears, we will see visions and build the kingdom of God on earth, wherein all people will have the right to live.

The Drive for Conscription Is On

John Ferguson

The April issue of *The National Legionnaire* says: "The big push to procure passage of the law to provide for Universal Military Training is being readied—and the standby time awaiting the order 'Full steam ahead!' nears its end. The subcommittee on Universal Military Training of the National Defense Committee will meet in Washington, D. C., on April 16, 17, and 18 to prepare the final plans for the big drive, and to determine finally the program which will be offered to Congress on this subject."

The announced meetings have taken place, the War Department is throwing its weight around, and Congressional hearings have been announced. It is clear that the big push is on and those favoring conscription will fight with all their resources because well they know that they are licked unless this measure is adopted before the war ends.

On May 2, Congressman Woodrum announced that hearings would be held on peacetime conscription from June 4 to 16. The announced plan is to allow proponents the first three days to testify, the opposition the next six, and the proponents the final three days for re

The Woodrum Commitee is a special House Co tee set up to consider matters bearing upon postwa tary policy. After the hearings, the committee will less report its recommendations to the House. I recommend an extreme measure like, or even worse the present May bill (H.R. 515) which provides for year of compulsory training in the Army or Navy; may recommend merely an expansion of the ROT CMTC programs; or, conceivably, it might recom no military training program at all. Looking at it r cally, those opposed to conscription must prepare f worst.

After the Woodrum Committee reports, some gressman will probably draft and introduce a bill em ing the committee's recommendations. This, in would be referred to the House Committee on M and Naval Affairs. Thereupon, hearings would agai place at which time testimony would bear directly some specific proposal. If the House Military and Affairs Committees report favorably then debate w cur on the floor of the House and final action be Meanwhile, or perhaps after the House has taken action, the same process would be repeated in the S If both houses act favorably, the measure goes to Pre Truman.

All the evidence indicates that the Administratio pecially the War Department, intends forcing this to a showdown during the summer months. If the outlined procedure is followed, a vote might be exp late in July or sometime in August. Some observers that the War Department has deliberately chose month of August because it is a time when churc educators and others are vacationing and farmers a tremely busy in their fields.

Needless to say, the proponents of conscription ar fident. According to the Legion publication cited "Polls of Congress indicate that Universal Military ing legislation will pass the House by a comfortable gin . . ." Nothing is said, however, about the Senat about President Truman's attitude, and with resp the House, the publication concedes "the opposition is not likely to accept defeat without stubborn resist

Up to now the church, farm, labor, and education ganizations have been firm in their insistence that u sal peacetime conscription ought never to be adopt democratic America or that the issue ought not considered until after the war. It behooves all those are opposed to remain firm, keep informed, organize and state committees, encourage discussion, distribu erature, and insist that Congressmen and President man heed the voice of the great body of Americans than the War Department and its semi-official pr groups, the American Legion and the Veterans of Fo Wars.

For literature and counsel get in touch immediately your local and yearly meeting peace committees an retaries and one or more of the following organiza Peace Section of the American Friends Service Co tee, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.; Fr Committee on National Legislation, 2111 Florida A N.W., Washington 8, D. C.; or the National Counc the Prevention of War, 1013 18th Street N. W., W ington 6, D. C.

Remember that the "push is on"; that the Woo Committee hearings commenced June 4; and the dec may be expected in July or August.

Church School Lesson

WILLIAM G. CHANTER

ıational Uniform Lesson for June 24.

EW CHURCH IN THE PAGAN WORLD.—I Timothy, ıs, I Peter.

e later years of the first century, the Christian had already established itself as a great and stead- ving community in the midst of the pagan world. uggle with Jewish legalism had been won, and the undations of a world-wide organization had been ut success had brought with it new problems, and sages assigned for his week's study reflect the dif- s which arose as the age of the first apostles was to an end.

PROBLEM OF PERSECUTION. I Peter 4:12-19.

he church became stronger, it naturally attracted ention of the world, and the direct opposition be- the way of life it taught and the manners and cus- of pagan society became clear. The high moral rds set up by the church were resented—the hostil- "Puritanism" is not at all new. The natural ten- of the Christians to hold together for mutual spir- ıd material aid in the face of pagan corruption and led to the accusation that they were withdrawing he ordinary ways of the world because they were of mankind. The time came when the imperial ment outlawed the church altogether, and the mere ion of Christianity became a capital crime. At the vhen I Peter and Hebrews were written, matters rdly gone that far. The writer of Hebrews (12:4-6) y *"Ye have not resisted unto blood."* But those he addressed, although they had not felt such sever- that which in I Peter is called a *"fiery trial,"* were ıffering hardships for their faith, and needed to be ed to *"run with patience the race set before them."* everity of persecution varied apparently with the y, but everywhere Christians had to face pagan oppo- and pagan opposition could make itself most un- ıtly felt.

v a question which may profitably be discussed in e class today is this: Do we as Christians, living in d which is still pagan, find ourselves singled out for tion? If not, is it because we are too much at home world?

ice what I Peter says about the endurance of perse- as a means of deepening fellowship with Christ. brews there is a reference to suffering for Christ as ipline leading to growth—12:4-6. The heroic ele- in the Christian life is emphasized. Surely when ve of ease and security becomes our dominant mo- omething essential has gone from our Christianity.

E PROBLEM OF MATERIAL PROSPERITY.

people who came into the church at the beginning or the most part from the poorer classes of society. I Timothy 6:6-10, there is a powerful warning t the love of money. In that same epistle there is a ent that godliness is profitable for the life that now). Of course this is true. The Christian was sober, rious, thrifty, and hence he tended to prosper ma- . The result was that many of the disciples of the ith found themselves becoming wealthy, and some n were inclined to be absorbed in the care and en- ıt of their new found wealth.

Here is a problem which is bound to appear again and again. Any group of people converted to the Christian life will tend as a group to become more prosperous in material things. As this happens the members of the group become more and more interested in their wealth, and are tempted to accept the valuation of the pagan world which always insists that the abundance of a man's life consists in the things that he possesses, that the chief end of man is to get money and to enjoy it as much and for as long as he can. Meanwhile the poor drop out of the churches, which tend to become smug and highly respectable clubs for those of the well-to-do who care for that kind of a club.

What has I Timothy to say about the solution of this problem? Read 6:11-16. There the apostle points to Christ, penniless, friendless, doomed, witnessing before Pontius Pilate to the reality and supremacy of the God of truth and love. Timothy is bidden to live his life in the sight of the Christ who sealed His loyalty and validated His faith by letting Pilate send Him to a cross. How shabby, how wretched, how impossible must the worship of Mammon seem when we stand *"in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Jesus Christ, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession."*

III. LUKEWARMNESS.

Perhaps the great problem which confronts the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews is the lack of zeal in the church to which he is writing. Again and again there is warning against this. *"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."* The Revised Version translates the last phrase *"lest haply we should drift away from them."* It is the drifters who have not the force to breast the current. This is 2:1—see also 4:1; 10:25; 12:16. In 5:11-6:2 he describes the failure of the church as due to a stagnant contentment with a minimum Christianity. The acceptance of a few forms, the repetition of a creed carefully—or carelessly—limited to the most elementary beliefs—this is the sum total of Christianity as these people knew it. They are challenged to go on to perfection, by which the writer means the enjoyment of a full-fledged, ever growing Christian life, a real and vital companionship with the Christ Who leads into always widening ways.

Surely this is a problem which faces the church of today. How easily we are content with the most nominal connection with the church. How many people relegate religion to an obscure corner of their lives, and patronize the faith of their fathers with a complacency which would be ridiculous were it not so tragically evil. What can we say about ourselves? Are we growing Christians?

These problems of the ancient church in the pagan world of the Roman Empire are the problems of the modern church in a world which, for all its boasts of a "Christian civiliaztion" is still pagan. We do well to study them, for unless we in our generation can find a way to solve them, there is no future for American Protestantism.

LESSON FOR JULY 1, "God's Joy in Creation."

Topics for study and discussion.

1. What is man's place in the world according to the story of creation in Genesis 1?
2. God saw the world which He had made and pronounced it good. What is our verdict on it after some thousands of years of human occupancy?
3. How nearly has man succeeded in gaining dominion over the world God gave him?

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Tell the President You Back Him on FEPC

The showdown on whether Negroes and other minority groups should have a decent chance to earn a living is close at hand. It is time for those who want to fight for such basic American rights to show their hands and get into the battle.

The people who want to "keep the Negro in his place," which means in the kitchen or in working clothes regardless of ability or education, already are fighting—and fighting hard. So far they are winning.

Southern Democrats in the House—with the secret cooperation of many northern Congressmen—have succeeded in killing the appropriation for the wartime FEPC (Fair Employment Practices Committee) and bottling up the bill to provide a permanent FEPC. If they have their way the only federal agency which has been able to do anything to protect minorities in getting jobs will die on June 30.

President Truman has braved the wrath of the fascist-minded race haters by asking the House Rules Committee, which has blocked the permanent FEPC bill, to let the measure go to the House so that it can be considered. Yesterday the committee, which is dominated by southerners, failed to act.

Truman can't win this fight without public backing. But instead of that he already is being deluged with protests over his move to save the FEPC. Letters are pouring in to the White House, many of them probably inspired by the organized interests fighting the FEPC, criticizing the Chief Executive for supporting that agency.

All the President has done is to ask for a vote in the House, so that the people's representatives can decide whether FEPC should continue. In arguing for it, he said:

"The war is not over. In fact, a bitter and deadly conflict lies ahead of us. To abandon at this tim fundamental principle upon which the Fair Em ment Practice Committee was established is unt able.

"Even if the war were over, or nearly over question of fair employment practices during th conversion period and thereafter would be of mount importance. Discrimination in the mat employment against properly qualified person cause of their race, creed, or color, is not onl American in nature, but will lead eventually to i trial strife and unrest.

"It has a tendency to create substandard cond of living for a large part of our population. The ciple and policy of fair employment practice s be established permanently as a part of our na law."

President Truman can't be expected to continu fight if the American people seem to be overw ingly opposed to the FEPC. Current White H mail would indicate they are. It's up to us to him they are not. Write a personal letter or po to the President at once backing him up in his for a permanent FEPC.—NATHAN ROBERTSON fo Editors of *PM*, June 7th.

How to Judge Character

Is there a scientific way to judge character?

According to a study by Dr. Carl C. Seltzer, he reports in the *American Journal of Ph Anthropology*, you can tell a lot about a man b figure.

If his body is well-rounded, with no sharp a anywhere, the chances are, according to Seltzer he will be sensistive, shy and self-conscious and ably the artistic type.

We're glad to know that. It helps us under certain public figures who, obviously have been understood.

Item: The sensitive, shy, self-conscious Mayor rello LaGuardia, of New York.

Item: The delicate, shrinking, bashful artist, L. Lewis.—Editorial, *The Philadelphia Record*.

Niemoeller ? ?

Just before we went to press, the dispatch con ing Martin Niemoeller from Religious News Se reached us and we have included it on the i cover page. The report raises questions in the m of all of us for we had hoped that Pastor Niem would be the great inspiration for German Chri to rebuild their nation along democratic lines. haps we have hoped for too much. It may be Niemoeller will still prove himself to be a pra spiritual leader who faces the "as is" before le his people into a new sphere of human relations.

His recent interviews indicate that he believes

y is not suited for any kind of democratic ent. But if there can be no democracy in y—what will there be? If it is to be another rian form of government, it will mean repe- the way Germany has followed for centuries; way has always led to strife. Will Germany rn anything from experience? Is it appropri- the one great Christian leader should speak

e not ready to draw final conclusions on this Pastor Niemoeller has been too great a man d because of two news interviews. He is ex- oon in this country to appeal to the Christian or help—we will greet him eagerly and with ative mood—we will also wait to hear further ions.

Why Annual Conferences?

e eve of the annual sessions of the Michigan troit Conferences it is fitting that we honestly e question, "Why Annual Conferences"? g of course the annual sessions which extend Vednesday through Sunday. This year the is- been raised more than usual owing to the e of gasoline and the government ruling about conventions. Some annual conferences are shortened and comprised of a very limited of delegates. There are Methodists who seri- question the legality of conferences so com- We are concerned here not with the special n this year, but with the traditional conference n.

e horse and buggy days there was real neces- the annual meetings. At a time when travel ficult, the bishop, his cabinet and ministers did together frequently, there was a real need for nual gatherings. For similar reasons it was an une time to make appointments, which was the lked about and most important of all the con- happenings. Then, too, there were the bene- be derived from hearing outstanding speakers church. The conferences had great educational There was much more debating on the floor ajor and minor issues of the moment which mulating and instructive.

noticeable in recent years how these and other s of the annual meetings have changed. Travel onger difficult (except during gas rationing). ers see each other not only at their district gs, but at the annual Pastors' School and other Area projects between conferences. Appoint- are frequently made between conference ses- ome of the most important ones in the nces. Outstanding speakers are always in or- t they are not limited to the annual meeting The Pastors' School, freed as it is from many of the business distractions of the conference, gives better opportunity for serious thought and discussion.

The present arrangement of making reports by committees has reduced both the need and opportunity for debate on the floor. Frequently the delegated body acts more as a rubber stamp than a deliberating group with the power to make a choice. All of these evolutionary changes have their advantages and are probably here to stay, but they strongly tend toward making the annual meetings radically different from what they were fifty years ago.

If the gradual change is one based upon genuine needs and present day demands, it seriously raises the question of whether the meetings should be continued for so long a period of time and have the character they now have. To put it another way. How much of what is now done at the annual conferences could be done just as well at another time and without so many people being called together for so many days? So far as we know, no study has been made of the situation, although there is a growing feeling that the annual sessions could be greatly abbreviated saving both valuable time and money.—Editorial, *Michigan Christian Advocate.*

Will the Army Gag Freedom?

Dr. Harold W. Ruopp, president of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, and a regular contributor to ZIONS HERALD, "made the headlines" last week when discussing speeches by military men favoring postwar military conscription. Dr. Ruopp, speaking in Chicago, charged that members of the armed forces are allowed to speak in favor of peacetime conscription but are forbidden to speak against the proposed legislation.

We can readily understand the policy of the military authorities in not allowing their representatives to speak against legally established military policy; but there certainly is *no justification* for their refusal to allow members of their forces to speak against a proposal. This is a very dangerous matter! The vast majority of the American people are thinking through the conscription problem—the vast majority of churchmen are opposed to its enactment—it must be decided in democratic fashion. We must not allow the military authorities to stifle free thinking on this matter.

The hearings taking place right now in Washington regarding the proposed legislation give further indication that the American people are still making up their minds—our paid employees of the armed forces must not be allowed to dictate on this matter! Let us remember that the military powers were allowed to dominate Germany—they were also allowed to dominate Japan. *It must not happen here!*

New England Southern Conference

Reported by J. Manley Shaw

Thursday

The one hundred and fifth session of the New England Southern Annual Conference was held at the Haven Methodist Church of East Providence, R. I. Because of the war conditions and to curtail transportation, the sessions were reduced in number and only officers or committee members were expected. The number outside of the Metropolitan Area thus being limited to forty-nine. Bishop Lewis O. Hartman of the Boston Area presided. The Rev. S. A. Lippincott was the host pastor. Preliminary committee meetings were held on Wednesday.

On Thursday, June 7th, at 10.00 a.m., Bishop L. O. Hartman called the conference to order.

C. H. Ginns was elected secretary, naming as his assistants R. F. Seaver, Jr., J. B. Gates, and Daniel Partridge.

During the impressive communion service the district superintendents, S. T. Lippincott, the host pastor, and J. D. Oldham, communion steward, assisted the bishop.

The memorial address was given by O. J. Aldrich, with R. L. Roberts leading in prayer. Those being remembered are Mrs. Sarah E. MacIntyre, Richard D. Hollington, David H. Talmadge, Gibson C.. Mosher, Mrs. Emma B. Elmer, Harold H. Critchlow, Mrs. Angelette C. Wesley, and Joseph Vasey.

Bishop Hartman presented the check from the Chartered Fund of $80.00 which was accepted.

The greetings to the conference were brought by Patrick J. Harrington, president of the East Providence Town Council. Dr. Robert H. Mercier, pastor of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, spoke for the East Providence Ministers' Association, and Jesse W. Peck, president of the Haven Board of Trustees, welcomed the conference for the church.

The report of the statistician, W. D. Hamilton, revealed an increase in church membership, an increase in the average attendance of the church school, and the total membership of the schools. The W.S.C.S. membership showed a decrease, but the financial increase of the societies was some $10,000. A large increase in the value of buildings and parsonages was explained as being due to new evaluations. There was a decrease in total indebtedness of $31,701 over last year.

The conference treasurer, E. M. Wheeler, presented his report, showing an increase in all causes except two. There was a decrease in the Fellowship of Suffering and Service, and a decrease in the Episcopal apportionment due to changed askings.

Bishop Hartman reported the amount needed from our conference to meet its total asking for the Crusade was just under $7,000. E. E. Story moved that we exert extra effort to meet this quota.

The devotions were led by Bishop Hartman, who spoke on "Heart Searching."

The report of the committee on World Service and Finance was presented by O. E. Crane and F. A. Dyckman, which was accepted after considerable discussion. One item of interest as well as advance was the making possible of a full time executive secretary of the Board of Education.

R. W. Ward, Jr., presented the report of the Board of Education. R. C. Belcher, the conference executive secretary of the Board of Education, presented his report as part one. J. K. Pearson, secretary-treasurer, presented the second part of the report, and R. W. Ward, Jr., presented the third part, calling for $10,000 immediately from the organizations in the various churches to be used for camp construction now, and a request for a future campaign of $75,000 for further development.

N. B. Burton presented the report of the Board of Conference Claimants. The annuity rate was set as $21. The treasurer's report was accepted and the various recommendations of the Board read and adopted. Considerable discussion arose concerning the raising of the ministerial contritution from 1% to 2%. The final outcome sustained the 2% recommendation. J. W. Annas presented his report as the executive secretary of the Conference Claimants Campaign,. showing an increase in gifts of $5611 for the year.

The bishop announced that the latest figure for the Crusade was 127 million dollars.

The report of the committee on Conference Relations was presented by H. K. Mousley, and those to be received on trial: L. F. Almond, Guy Allen, G. S. Bieper, E. R. Thomas; those to pe continued on trial: M. O. Martin, A. S. Peckham, Alex Porteus, Jr., P. F. Smith, D. P. Huckapee, Raymond Matthewson; those admitted in full relation: Matt Mees, C. W. Saunders, Richard Bender, R. E. Henard, H. O. Bennett, Frank Gulinello; those elected to deacons orders: L. F. Almond, C. E. Teel, G. S. Bieper, E. R. Thomas, M. O. Martin; those elected to elders orders: C. W. Graham, Guy Allen, Matt Mees, C. W. Saunders, R. E. Henard, H. O. Bennett.

The list of accepted supplies as read by W. T. Wallace are: J. K. Allen, H. C. Ackley, Norman Baker, Rayman Balcomb, Leroy Bauman, Vernon Bigler, Jr., Ralph Bolick, Albert Brockway, Manual Conceicao, Marlin Dawson, L. W. Dow, L. W. Piggins, W. W. Forred, F. P. Frank, E. E. Fredrickson, Joseph Gamson, C. W. Graham, R. E. Green, Mrs. Louise Haskell, Graham Hodges, Wesley Hodge, R. W. Hopkins, E. W. Kreves, A. R. Malone, Edward McClurg, Lambuth Mingledorff, Willard Page, Willard Peterson, Joseph Pritchard, James Rhodes, P. F. Smith, W. C. Smith, H. A. Stuart, A. R. Treman.

Friday

Again Bishop Hartman conducted the devotional service, speaking on the subject, "Training in Christ," emphasizing the church school as the place for effective evangelism. S. R. Luthy, together with O. L. Monson, presented the report for the Committee on Evangelism, which pointed out the next phase of the Crusade for Christ.

It was urged by S. A. Livingstone that the accepted supplies take the conference course of study.

The report of the Board of Temperance was presented by C. X. Hutchinson, Jr., and J. Bruce McCullough presented his report as lay leader and the report of the Committee Publishing Interests.

Chaplain J. V. Claypool told of his work as chaplain in the U. S. Navy at Norfolk, Va.

Frederick W. Smith, of the New England Conference, spoke for the Board of Temperance in Washington, pointing out that there are a million and a half alcoholics in the country and two million more in the making, while Yale University is $100,000 a year to study the probl

David Carter presented the repor special Committee on Deaconess W W. H. Bath presented the report for ference Trustees. A special item of was the amount of money now avai scholarships.

Carl Kendall presented a resoluti ing with the Office of Defense Tr tion ruling which provoked con discussion.

The treasurer's report for the Missions was presented by O. J. who also moved that an offering for the General Theological Librar amounted to about $28.

F. W. Gray, the conference spoke of his work, and L. C. Harri that the cabinet appoint a committ the beginning of a historical society

The Conference Relations Commi sented the men retiring this year, W. E. Plaxton, J. B. Bisbee, A. C. J. F. Oliveira, and W. H. Moseley Crane spoke of the outstanding wo by A. C. Knudson, congratulating ference on having such an outstandi ber. The names of all retiring m read, and those present spoke briefl conference.

A check for $2152.30 was receiv the Publication House and turned the treasurer.

The Lord's Day Observance was by R. L. Samuelson. The question mum support was placed in the ha special committee.

Chaplain R. E. Spears spoke of t lem of returning service men, and t of Zions Herald presented the int that independent Methodist weekly.

The devotional address by the b the afternoon dealt with social eva in which he emphasized the fact t sonal salvation also requires intellige action to bring the kingdom of G the earth.

H. C. Metzner presented the repo Committee on Social Service and the Church.

L. C. Harris requested that E Church of Brockton be declared ab and that the funds of Epworth C turned over to the Franklin M Church of this same city.

An offering was taken for the amounting to $32.

The classes of those being taken trial and full membership were cal the bishop, in addressing them, spok perils of the short cut.

An impressive candlelight Ordinat vice was conducted in the evening by Lewis O. Hartman, with the distric intendents and the secretary of the ence.

A short business session was hel ceive final reports to have the jou proved. T. R. Burns presented the res for the conference.

E. E. Story moved that after the of appointments the conference st journed. The benediction was pro by L. C. Harris.

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Norwich District

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E. Crain, District Superintendent

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er, Quarryville, M. F. Eller
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ille, R. I., and Glendale, R. I.,
G. S. Bieber
Moodus, H. H. Crawford
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Mystic, Noank, R. E. Henard
New London, O. W. Bell
Niantic, Old Lyme,
Supplied by J. G. Bisbee
North Grosvenordale, East Thompson,
West Thompson, Supplied by R. E. Green
Norwich, Trinity, W. E. Lowther
Norwichtown and Bethel,
Supplied by Norman Baker
Old Mystic, Supplied by L. W. Figgins
Portland East Glastonbury,
Supplied by A. R. Treman
Putnam, Attawaugan, P. Q. Brooks
Rockville, Vernon, F. A. Dyckman
South Coventry and Tolland (Federated),
H. M. French
Stafford Springs, Crystal Lake, A. F. Wood
Staffordville (Federated),
Supplied by C. B. Small
Thompsonville, R. F. Seaver, Jr.
Uncasville, A. W. Jackson
Warehouse Point,
Supplied by P. C. Hoyt
Westerly, R. I., R. H .Chrystie
Willimantic, O. L. Monson
Windsorville, Supplied by Marlin Dawson

Providence District

(These appointments are in Rhode Island, unless otherwise indicated)

E. E. Story, District Superintendent

59 Park Avenue, Providence 5, R. I.

Arnold's Mills, Supplied by R. L. Roberts
Attleboro, Mass., R. W. Hibbard
Berkeley, J. W. Eller
Brockton, Mass., Central L. C. Harris
Franklin, M. E. Osborne
Pearl Street, Supplied by J. K. Allen
South Street, R. L. Samuelson
Central Falls, A. E. Tingley
Chartley and North Rehoboth, Mass.,
O. J. Aldrich
Cochesett and East Mansfield, Mass.,
Supplied by E. C. McClung
East Braintree, Mass., R. J. Harshfield
East Greenwich, G. A. Dahlquist
East Providence, S. T. Lippincott
East Weymouth, Mass., First, David Carter
Porter, Supplied by A. C. Malone
Hanover, Mass., A. S. Peckham
Hingham, Mass.,
Supplied by F. L. Brockman
Holbrook, Mass.,
Supplied by R. E. Balcomb
Hope, Supplied by C. W. Graham
Hull, Mass., Supplied by A. M. Brockway
Mansfield, Mass., Supplied by A. S. Muirhead
Middletown and Portsmouth, J. H. Graham
Newport, St. Paul's, H. K. Mousley
Calvary, Supplied by E. E. Fredrikson
North Attleboro, Mass., James Ainslie
North Cohasset, Mass., C. E. Teel
North Easton, Mass., J. A. Martin
Pawtucket, Epworth and Hebronville,
Mass., B. L. Hilton
First, R. Q. Whiting
Thomson, J. A. Edwards
Providence, Broadway Italian,
Salvatore Giambarresi
Cranston Street,
Supplied by O. E. Tourtellotte
Friendship Street, J. A. Dahlstrand
Mathewson Street,
D. G. Wright and W. D. Osborne
Tabernacle, J. D. Townsend
Trinity Union, H. C. Metzner
Wanskuck Asbury, To be supplied
Washington Park, S. A. Livingstone
Rockland, Mass.,
Supplied by C. V. Bigler, Jr.
Scituate, Mass., Supplied by J. R. Rhodes
South Braintree, Mass.,
Supplied by H. C. Ackley
Stoughton, Mass., Frank Gulinello
Wakefield, Supplied by Wesley Hodge
Warren, J. K. Pearson
Warwick, Asbury, To be supplied
Hillsgrove, E. R. Thomas
Washington, C. W. Saunders
West Abington, Mass., P. F. Smith
West Barrington,
Supplied by Lambuth Mingledorff
West Warwick, Centerville,
Supplied by W. C. Smith
Phenix, T. W. Bowman
Woonsocket, F. T. Bertram

Special Appointments

With Annuity

R. N. Bender, assistant professor of philosophy, Baker University.
R. G. Belcher, executive secretary, Conference Board of Education.
J. V. Claypool, chaplain, U. S. Navy.
W. E. Dunn, chaplain, U. S. Army.
C. W. Ham, chaplain, U. S. Navy.
D. P. Huckabee, chaplain, U. S. Army.
C. S. Johnson, chaplain, U. S. Army.
R. T. Mattheson, chaplain, U. S. Army.
E. A. Miller, Norwood Community Church.
R. A. Mosley, chaplain, U. S. Army.
G. H. Parker, chaplain, U. S. Army.
L. C. Robinson, chaplain, U. S. Army.
R. E. Spears, chaplain, U. S. Army.
Ralph Stoody, executive secretary and director, Methodist Commission on Public Information.
D. B. Tarr, chaplain, U. S. Army.
H. E. Tower, director of audio-visual education, General Board of Education.
H. H. Tower, chaplain, U. S. Navy.
G. W. Wiseman, chaplain, U. S. Army.

Without Annuity

C. W. Havice, professor, Northeastern University.
P. E. Johnson, professor, Boston University School of Theology.
F. M. McKibben, professor of religious education, Garrett Biblical Institute.

Deaconess Appointments

Fall River Deaconess Home

B. Marion Hope, superintendent.
Pearl L. Eble, director, Deaconess Home Community Center.
Nettie R. Haven, general worker.
Lillian G. France, awaiting retirement.
Iva E. Tibbetts, supervisor, Girls' Home.
Sarah E. Landers, retired.

Providence Deaconess Home

Florence S. Stevens, superintendent.
Anna G. Giancola, parish worker and director of religious education, Washington Park Church.
Vivian A. Grant, parish worker, Mathewson Street Church.
Ella M. Hayward, superintendent, Silver Lake Center.
Anna M. Wilbur, leave of absence.
Alice M. Barker, retired.
Bina K. Frey, retired.
Hannah A. Solomon, retired.

Pawtucket and Central Falls Deaconess Association

Zillah J. Dower, superintendent.

PERSONS

Pfc. George W. Stedman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Stedman of Brockton, Mass., was killed in action with the 96th Division on Okinawa, on Apr. 19th. He was president of the Youth Fellowship at the South Street Methodist Church, Brockton, was a Sunday school teacher and baritone soloist. Pfc. Stedman enlisted in the Army more than two years ago while a student at Boston University. He had planned to enter the ministry after the war.

Dean William E. Mosher of Syracuse University's Maxwell Graduate School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, died on June 1st, in Alexandria, Va., where he has been visiting at the home of his son.

Ralph W. Bolick, student minister of North Methodist Church, Fall River, Mass., is, in his words, spending a "ten day vacation" in a Fall River Hospital.

Navy Chaplain (Lieutenant) Chester W. Ham, member of the New England Conference, who has been out in the Pacific for more than two years, writes, "For at least thirty days my address will be: 560 East William street, San Jose 12, California."

Army Chaplain (Captain) Ronald A. Mosley, member of the New England Southern Conference, wrote on Mother's Day from an American Hospital in England: "I've had the best service today that I have ever had in the Army. My chapel was completely full and overflowing. More than 200 came out, and although we have seats for only 180, we managed to find room for them all. I had a splendid choir made up of doctors, nurses, ward boys and patients. We had beautiful flowers on the altar with the cross and four candles. Sallman's "Head of Christ" was placed on the altar also. I've carried this copy in my Methodist Communion Set through maneuvers in North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Indiana; then to Scotland, England, France, Belgium and finally from Germany in the retreat from the Ardennes. Our choir sang the prayer and benediction responses beautifully." Chaplain Mosley was minister at Bryantville and West Duxbury before entering the service.

Dr. Paul E. Johnson, professor at Boston University School of Theology, was called back to Iowa on June 4th because of the critical illness of his mother. She died that night. Dr. Johnson's father was formerly a member of the New England Southern Conference.

On Sunday, May 27th, the Rev. Arthur O. Dewey, pastor of the Methodist Church in Provincetown, Mass., received the announcement of the death of his brother, Fred Dewey, of Cincinnati, vice-president of the Cincinnati Light and Power Company.

Bishop Edwin F. Lee, director of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, Washington, D. C., on June 13, delivered the commencement address at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. His subject was, "Toward World Understanding." On the same occasion, the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology was conferred upon the bishop, who is an alumnus of the university.

Dr. Briggs S. Palmer, of Lynn, Mass., for many years an active layman in the Methodist Church, died at his home last May 22nd. Dr. Palmer had been active in New England Methodism as a former president of the Social Union, a member of the City Missionary Society, the Harvard Wesley Foundation, and the Board of Corporation at New England Deaconess Hospital.

President Charles Nelson Pace of Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn., announced a gift to the college in excess of $1,500,000 under the terms of the will of the late Charles M. Drew, Minneapolis lawyer and philanthropist. The announcement was made at the 87th annual commencement of Hamline University in the Hamline Methodist Church, 1514 Englewood avenue, Sunday afternoon, June 3rd. Sixty young men and women received bachelors degrees. The address was delivered by Dean Lynn Harold Hough of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Temperance of the New England Conference, held in Wesleyan Hall, Boston, June 5th, the following officers were elected: president, the Rev. Raymond A. Withey; vice-president, the Rev. Arthur D. Stroud; secretary, the Rev. William Osborn; treasurer, Mr. Albert Sutcliffe. The Rev. Frederick W. Smith was elected executive secretary.

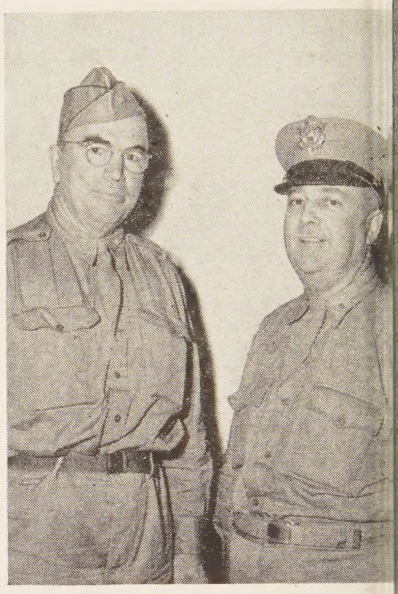
The Rev. Franklin Duncombe, pastor of the Bala-Cynwyd (Pa.) Methodist Church, had the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him Tuesday, June 5th, at the commencement exercises of Union College, Barbourville, Ky.

The Rev. W. W. Bowers, of Cedar Falls, Ia., is visiting in Boston, and called at the office of ZIONS HERALD on June 6. Dr. Bowers was at one time a member of the New England Conference, and is now a retired member of the Upper Iowa Conference.

Dr. Allen E. Claxton, pastor of Broadway Temple Methodist Church, New York City, delivered the commencement address at Clark College, Atlanta, Ga., on June 5th. He was also the principal speaker at the Saturday evening session of the Genesee Annual Conference, in Buffalo, N. Y., on June 9th. The theme of that session was "Methodist Youth in the Crusade for Christ."

The Rev. Joseph W. Bell, a member of the Northeast Ohio Conference of the Methodist Church, has been elected to the staff of the Youth Department of the Methodist Board of Education at Nashville, Tenn., it has been announced by the Rev. Hoover pert, director of the department. He succeed the Rev. Marcus J. Birrell, resi and will have responsibility for the adm tration and promotion of the institutes summer assembly program of the Youth partment.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam (left), Me ist Bishop of the New York Area and dent of the Federal Council of the Chu of Christ in America, accompanied by Rev. Dr. Ralph E. Stoody, correspondent



Religious News Service, and director, odist Information, N.Y.C., arrives at th Transport Command terminal at LaG Field after a trip aboard an ATC Atlantic plane from North Africa. C half of the General Commission of and Navy Chaplains, Bishop Oxnam m 15,000-mile air survey of religious con in Europe and the Middle East and i tion of military installations. His tr cluded visits with the Archbishop of C bury, Pastor Niemoeller of German Greek Regent Damaskinos.

With Our Writers

JOHN FERGUSON, Philadelphia, Pa.; formerly associate professor in political science at Pennsylvania State College, is now administrative assistant with the Peace Section of the American Friends Service Committee.

JOHN G. RAMSAY, Columbus, Ohio; public relations representative, United Steelworkers of America.

THOMAS T. JOHNSTON, Orange, Mass.; minister, Orange and North Prescott Methodist churches.

EVENTS

Sunday, May 27th was a memorab in the Methodist Church of Sprin N. H., when the church sanctuary w dedicated after extensive renovations. production of Hofmann's "Christ in semane" was dedicated in memory of J. Wayne Bailey, a young Official member of the church, who was kil action. This is the first of three pictu be hung in his memory which are bein sented through Mr. Bailey's family cordance with a request that shoul thing happen to him, some of his mon to be used for his church. The Rev. lin P. Frye is pastor of this church, as the Church of the Good Sheph Newport, N. H.

Quietly celebrating the completion o century of service as a Methodist educ institution, Adrian College, Adrian, combined impressive and appropriate nial ceremonies with its regular sche commencement events, May 30-June 3. of cooperating with the ODT no b made for large out-of-town attendanc class reunions were held. Despite th however, that the observance was pr

cal in its emphasis, the college was lose a successful year of work and its one hundredth birthday in a nd fitting manner. Among the dis- d speakers appearing on the three gram were: Bishop R. J. Wade of oit Area; the Rev. Ralph Lankler. , N. Y.; the Rev. Roy I. Farmer, l; Dr. Alexander Cairns, a widely cturer; and President-Emeritus Har eman.

o (RNS)—Meadville Theological Unitarian seminary adjacent to the y of Chicago campus, celebrated its niversary with the installation of its sident, the Rev. Dr. Wallace W. An alumnus of the seminary, Dr. was formerly a pastor in St. Paul, here he served on Governor Harold panel of wartime labor mediators.

dio preachers for Morgan Memorial ts for the last two weeks of June on WORL (950) each morning at 8.10 duled as follows:

—The Rev. Malcolm C. Keir, Park- treet Methodist Church, Dorchester.

—The Rev. John Snook, St. Stephen's dist Church, Marblehead.

—The Rev. Ralph J. Bertolf, First Church, Wakefield.

—The Rev. Thomas MacAnespie, s Congregational Church, South

—The Rev. H. Campbell Eatough, Baptist Church, Cambridge.

—The Rev. Henry F. Smith, Congre- al Church, West Medford.

—The Rev. Arthur Hopkinson, First dist Church, Lynn.

—There will be a demonstration of ay Nursery activities, under the di- of Miss Ruth Capen.

—The Rev. Edward A. Steimle, Uni- Lutheran Church, Cambridge.

—The Rev. Hector Ferguson, Scotch terian Church, Roxbury.

o City (By Wire) (RNS)—The na- or of a Pentecostal church, his wife, member of the congregation, are re- here to have been killed when an nob dynamited their homes in the of Santiago Yecha, near Toluca, capi- of Mexico state. As an outcome of k, twenty Protestant families are said fled to the mountains and are still g. Protestant officials have wired a o President Avila Camacho.

ton, Cal. (RNS)—A Catholic cen- been established at the College of the a Methodist institution here, after a revealed that there were more stu- f Roman Catholic preference than er on the campus. Under the aus- the Newman Club, a second-floor the Percy Morris Chapel has been d with an altar and confessional, and the Chapel of the Madonna. Regular are held, and confessions are heard

ington, D. C. (RNS)—The Office of Transportation has categorically de- at any member of its staff had ever Rev. W. O. H. Garman, of Pitts- Pa., secretary of the American Coun- Christian Churches (Fundamentalist), u either discontinue these Bible con- or I'll make it impossible for you them." A spokesman for the ODT ick, violent exception to Mr. Gar- statement issued in Pittsburgh, in which the minister was quoted as having said he had advised churches affiliated with the Council to ignore the ODT in holding Bible conferences.

Monmouth, Ill. (RNS)—Continuation of its membership in the Federal Council of Churches was voted at the closing session of the 87th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church here, in rejecting a request that the denomination withdraw and maintain only a partial relationship with the Council.

A bottle of water taken to Wichita, Kan., from the old family well at Dana, Ind., was used on May 1st to christen a huge superfortress B-29 named for the late Ernie Pyle. The sky leviathan was unveiled by Mr. Pyle's seventy-seven-year-old-father, William C. Pyle of Dana, and sponsored by the Rev. H. L. McBride, pastor of the Dana Methodist Church.

New York (RNS)—A call for action to help save the Fair Employment Practice Committee was issued here by the United Council of Church Women in an appeal sent to all presidents of State Councils. It was pointed out that the House Appropriations ommittee has allocated no funds to the FEPC and that the latter will go out of existence on June 30 "unless interested citizens all over the United States speak up strongly and without delay." Asserting that "the protection of minorities from discrimination in employment is a moral obligation under a democracy," the Council's executive committee urged that telegrams be sent to President Truman and Congressional leaders to spearhead the fight to save the agency. The Council called on the Senate to restore the appropriation cut out by the House, and asked both bodies of Congress to see that bills for a ptrmanent FEPC are brought speedily to a vote.

Marine Cross Dedicated

Brooke, Va.—Believed to be the first of its kind in this country, an illuminated cross was dedicated here recently to the memory of one of this community's sons killed in action against the enemy—Marine Private Willard Lee Watson.

Watson, 25, was killed March 6th, on bitter, bloody Iwo Jima, where he served with the Fourth Division as a rifleman. That was less than a year after his enlistment, he having entered the Corps, June 19, 1944.

The cross was presented on behalf of the Circle Society to the Andrew Chapel (Va.) Methodist Church by Lieutenant Commander L. S. Hindman, Burgettstown, Pa., chaplain at the Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va. A simple, but impressive, memorial service was conducted by the church's pastor, the Rev. A. A. Mason of Stafford Courthouse.

The Marine to whose memory the cross was dedicated was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Watson, of Brooke. His widow, Louise Purks Watson, and two-year-old daughter, Phyllis Jane, make their home there, also.

The Homemaker's Corner

Mrs. Harry A. Burnham

A Commonplace Book

Have a note book handy this summer and write in it notes about all the interesting things you see, people you meet, menus you enjoy; anything which you may want to recall, or which will be nice to pass along to your friends.

The English have an interesting name for such a book. They call it a "Commonplace Book."

The important thing about this book is that it be always within easy reach. There are many fleeting impressions which must be caught "on the wing." They elude one so easily if they are neglected for a few hours.

If the book is in the house when a kingfisher perches on a post by the river and recalls to you the old fable about Halcyone, just make a note of it on the rim of your garden hat, the hem of your apron or the handle of your hoe. Then transfer it to your book when convenient.

A commonplace book serves in many ways besides that of just recalling pleasant experiences to our own thoughts. It is a splendid stimulant to conversation. When homemakers get together these days they usually have something to say about food. It takes a good deal of ingenuity today to prepare satisfying meals.

In your book may be some suggestion you got from a farm woman, or the story of a delicious dish of cooked water cress which had been gathered by a mountain stream. The possibilities are limitless.

The pattern of a nice frock made from two or three old ones, a bigger and better kitchen apron, and illustrations in colored crayons, of a burlap bag blouse with needlework embroidery which one would feel sure had been done in Sweden or Bavaria, are some of the things I found in a commonplace book.

Little secret thoughts and impressions may be entered in this book. As Professor Dallas Lore Sharp used to say to writers: "anything from the dust on a butterfly's wing to the solar system."

Crusade News

Methodist Crusade Christ

Methodism's Crusade for Christ Relief and Reconstruction Fund has reached the twenty-seven million dollar mark in cash and pledges, Dr. J. Manning Potts, Crusade associate director, has announced. Of this amount, $15,326,944 has been paid in cash, according to the Rev. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg, Crusade treasurer.

One more Annual Conference and two districts reported their quotas subscribed by May 31, bringing the total to 87 Annual Conferences out of 109, and 471 districts out of 566. Five jurisdictions and 29 areas have subscribed their quotas in cash and pledges. No additions have been reported since May 23.

HOME OF JOHN E. NELSON WHERE FRANCIS ASBURY AND BISHOP HARTMAN WERE ENTERTAINED

Asbury and Hartman at Monmouth, Maine

A celebration of great significance to Maine Methodism was held at Monmouth, Me., on Sunday, May 13th. It was in the nature of a double anniversary—the 150th anniversary of the creation of the first Methodist Class in Maine, and also the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the present church building.

Bishop Lewis O. Hartman was the principal speaker at the service, which was in charge of the Augusta District Superintendent, the Rev. Herbert F. Aldrich. Bishop Hartman preached from the same text as was used by Bishop Francis Asbury on his first visit to Monmouth on his way to hold the New England Conference at East Readfield. The passage is Ephesians 6:13-18.

Bishop Hartman came to Monmouth on the afternoon before the celebration, and was entertained at the home of former Congressman John E. Nelson, who lives in the same house in which Francis Asbury stayed on his visit to Monmouth in 1798. The house had been closed for the winter, and Mr. Nelson opened it in order to entertain the bishop. It was the night following the hurricane, and kerosene lamps and fireplace heat made the home seem more like it was in the time of Francis Asbury. Thus, the first Bishop of The Methodist Church and the present resident Bishop of New Engand Methodism slept a night in the same room.

The Rev. Jesse Lee came from the South to New Engand with a great yearning to bring the Gospel of Christ to the pioneer peoples of New England. His first appointment in New England was to the Province of Maine. He started out to visit the territory to which he had been assigned in the summer of 1793, arriving at Saco in the Province of Maine, where he preached the first Methodist sermon ever preached in the Province on Sept. 10th. His itinerary took him up the coast and along the Penobscot to Bangor, and then he came down through Unity to Hallowell. Turning inland again he visited Farmington, New Sharon, Mt. Vernon, Readfield, and came to Monmouth on the 22nd of October. He established a circuit known as the Readfield Circuit, of which Monmouth was a part for years.

The next year Jesse Lee was made the presiding elder of the District known as Lynn, and the Province of Maine. His territory embraced a good part of Massachusetts, together with Maine. At the 1794 Conference, the Rev. Philip Wager was appointed to the Readfield Circuit. Under his leadership a class of fifteen persons was formed in Monmouth early in November of 1794, the first to be established in Maine. One of the members of that first class was an ancestor of Harry Hayman Cochrane, the well-known church decorator and artist, who lives in Monmouth and arranged the program for this celebration.

Jesse Lee met this new class a few days after it was formed, and records in his journal that "many persons had been awakened and converted within a short time past."

The society at Monmouth soon felt the need for a meeting house, so one was erected and dedicated on May 31st, 1796, the second to be built in Maine, the first being at East Readfield, dedicated in 1795. A fitting celebration of that significant occasion is to be held in June. Jesse Lee preached the dedicatory sermon at Monmouth.

BISHOP HARTMAN AND THE REV. HERBERT F. ALDRICH

This meeting house was burned in 1843, and a new building erected in 1845. Not proving to be in as good a location as desired, a lot with a parsonage was purchased in the center of the village, and the building moved to its present site. A tower was added in 1866 and a fine toned bell installed in 1881.

The New England Conference was held at Monmouth in 1802, and again in 1809. Francis Asbury and Richard Whatcoat were the presiding bishops in 1802, and Francis Asbury was accompanied by Bishop McKendree in 1809, for Asbury was becoming feeble, and the long journeys through the wildernesses were taking their toll of life. Bishop Asbury gives a graphic picture of the rugged Maine country in his journal. In one place he records that "beating through the woods from Winthrop to Readfield was like beating over the Allegheny mountains and through the shades of death."

Monmouth was set off from the Readfield Circuit in 1827, and made a principal part

"Treaty of Lancaster"—In 1762 the Governor of Pennsylvania arranged a treaty with the Indians at Lancaster to effect the release of missionaries held prisoners. The Fund sent representatives "with an order for five hundred pounds" to be paid the Indians upon return of the prisoners. The Treaty of Lancaster is symbolic of the services rendered clergymen for more than two centuries by the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund

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city audience greeted Bishop Hart- this his first visit to Monmouth. The as resplendent in an array of bloom- s and flowers. The vested choir ren- endid music. For a number of years odist society has been in federation Congregationalists, and there is a orking relationship. At the recent of the Maine Conference, the Rev. Burgess was appointed as the pastor, not assumed charge of the parish e celebration was held. The pastor l been serving Monmouth, the Rev. C. Milliken, has recently gone into laincy.

e church in the Maine Conference it d years ago that "only Almighty an do anything for . . ." And Al- Power did, in spite of many discour- rcusmstances. Of Monmouth it can hat it was, from the beginning, good Methodism, and the prayer is for y Power to continue to do much spiritual development of the people nouth.

onet" Tells the Story of "One God"

23-page picture-story titled "One he June issue of *Coronet* magazine story of three religions . . . simply way that helps children relate relig- heir daily lives. The story describes ures the Jewish, Catholic, and Prot- ays of worshipping God, and the and rituals of each faith.

om Egypt to Palestine by their great Moses, who gave them their laws and ent, the Jews were the first people rstand that there is only one God. vish Sabbath begins on Friday eve- The mother lights the candles, the ronounces the prayers, and the chil- rn the history of their ancestors. The New Year begins with Rosh Hashanah y, according to tradition, when God in the Book of Life His judgment e actions of each person. Ten days ence follow, holy days of prayer and that end with Yom Kippur, a solemn asting from sunset to sunset, *Coronet*

n Jews have adapted their ways to hich are more general in western s. They call their places of worship and families sit together. In the lit- ebrew is used, but most of the pray- in English, as is the sermon. Yet in these differences all Jews are bound by their belief in the one God and ide in their long history.

Catholic believes that the church gives he needs for his religious life. The Church teaches that baptism is y for the salvation of the soul, and plan for baptism within the first of a child's life. The child is prepared in the supreme act of Catholic wor- e sacrifice of the Mass. The Mass is nacting of the Last Supper which e with His disciples when He gave is body and blood as bread and wine. aration for his reception of the Sacra- the Eucharist, Holy Communion, the ust go to confession. He must re- e Sacrament of Penance that he may of sin, continues *Coronet*.

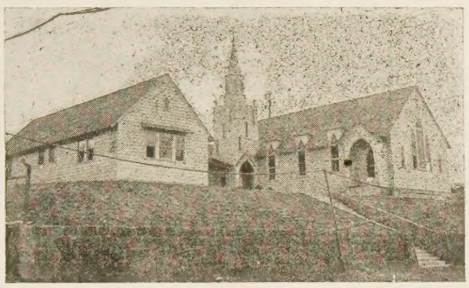
rmation is the next sacrament which holic child receives. In this, as the bishop lays his hand upon the head of the candidate, he passes on to him the Holy Ghost, who gives to the one who receives Him, grace to become a "strong and perfect Christian and a soldier of Christ."

Protestant churches, like all others, teach that a parent's first responsibility is the training of his children. The Protestant child begins to go to church school on Sunday mornings and learns that God is near him. He learns the Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes, the Golden Rule, and learns to read the Holy Bible. After the sermon, a prayer and another hymn, the minister pronounces the benediction. New members are baptized and promise to help the church by their attendance and support, says *Coronet*.

Protestant churches are many and varied. Protestants think that growth and progress come through independence and free initiative. At heart they are all one, the society of free individuals who have found God as their Father and are trying to live in the way that Jesus taught. The Protestant churches of China recognized this when they said: "We agree to differ; we resolve to love; we unite to serve."

But all of these faiths are variations of a

The Sanctuary—A Refuge and Fortress



New Church at Aiea, T. H.

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Getting A Kick out of Life

William L. Stidger

"The Finest Christian I Have Ever Known"

The *Readers Digest* runs a regular monthly feature entitled "The Most Unforgettable Personality I Have Ever Known," and it is the most interesting page in that popular magazine.

Perhaps, inspired by that feature, a religious magazine wrote me recently asking me to write them a piece on "The Finest Christian I Have Ever Known." I wanted to fill that assignment seriously and honestly, so I spent a week thinking about it. Curiously enough, the final sifting found me with three Negroes on my hands: Brother Benbury, whose passing I noted in this paper, "Pop" Lewis, a negro janitor at Boston University School of Theology, and Saunders Wilkins, for a quarter of a century the janitor at our school. So I finally sifted it down to Saunders and wrote the piece.

Here are the reasons I selected Saunders. First, because he is a kindly, Christian gentleman, with a smile on his face and good will in his heart. When our old graduates come back to visit the school, the first man they want to see is Saunders. They say: "Where is old Saunders?" They do not ask for any dean I have ever known; they do not ask, first of all, for any professor I have ever known at the school. They say: "Where is old Saunders?" He is the first man they want to see. He is no longer working at the Seminary, but takes care of a dozen houses and furnaces on Beacon Hill; walks around like a tramp in his old clothes, but still carries himself with a stately dignity and self respect which would be the envy of any Ph.D. that we have ever graduated.

And on the meager janitor's salary he has received for thirty years he has educated two boys; one of whom is a Major in the Army and a trusted specialist in the scientific field, and the other a Methodist minister in a large New York City church; both of them intelligent and successful.

Through many generations of Methodist ministers from our school, Saunde and went with quiet, kindly, good dignity and the spirit of friendly s and hundreds of our professors and think of him in the words of "You're a better man than I am Din."

He is still doing janitor work on but not in our Seminary; and I see h week; smiling, with gay repartee and laugh which does my soul good. still rather run into him on a gloom ing than any professor or student I get a kick out of Saunders!

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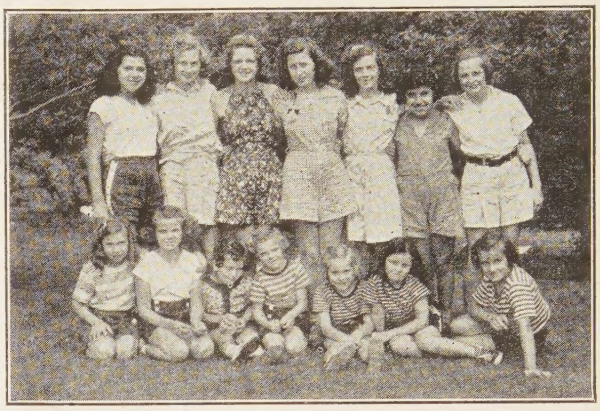

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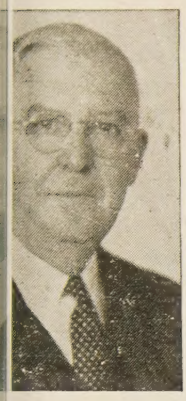

He was reared in Iowa, and is an alumnus of Iowa Wesleyan University. He also holds a B.D. Degree from Garrett Biblical Institute and an M.A. from Northwestern University. In addition to his Bachelor's Degree from Iowa van, he has a D.D. from that institution. has served as minister to churches in Minnesota and South Dakota, his most assignment having been at Brookings he was director of the Wesley Foundation on the campus of the State Teachers' College, as well as pastor of the local Methodist congregation.

Throughout his ministry he has been very active in the youth and student programs of the church, and very effective in the leadership he has given to these groups. For many years he has taught in and served as dean of the summer institutes and assemblies for young people in his conference. He has also had wide experience in administering the business of various church enterprises and is skilled as a statistician.

"Dr. Stodghill's position," said Doctor McPherson, "will be that of Director of the Student Loan and Scholarship Fund." The General Conference of 1944 added the scholarship feature to the 75-year-old Loan Fund, from which more than 65,000 students have borrowed $10,000,000 to assist them in their higher educational programs. The loan fund feature of the department will continue as before with the scholarship service added.

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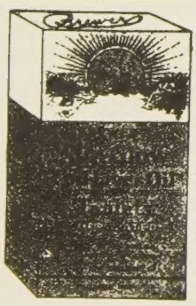

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Vermont Letter

JAMES A. PERRY, Superintendent

At the Milton Federated Church, the Rev. T. J. Hutchinson, pastor, 24 young people, mostly high school scholars, were received into membership on May 6th; 4 people by transfer, and 12 service men who had assented to the church vows were received in absentia. District Superintendent, J. A. Perry preached the sermon at the worship service, and gave the vows to the new members, and with the pastor confirmed them by the laying on of hands. A fellowship dinner followed. The annual canvass was begun that day also, and thus far shows a marked increase in subscriptions. In the last three years the pastor's salary has been advanced from $1200 to $1800.

The splendid showing made by the Vermont churches in the subscription for the Crusade, more than half of which has been paid, would indicate that the Accepted Benevolences would be greater this year than last.

Baptist, Congregational, and Methodist churches throughout the state are giving special emphasis to evangelism for the year ahead. The Baptists are sending two directors of visitation evangelism into Vermont and the Congregational church had a statewide training school in Bellows Falls last autumn to provide effective local leadership. Dr. Oliver Black directed this school.

Several of our ministers attended the Harvard School of Pastoral Care last summer, and more expect to go this year.

The Rev. Alfred B. Perry, son of the district superintendent, assumes his work as pastor at N. Ferrisburg and Ferrisburg on June 1st. Mr. Perry is finishing his theological studies in Yale Divinity School this year. The Rev. G. E. Robbins, retired, is supplying the charge in the meantime.

The Rev. Percival Hewitt, 32 years an effective and efficient local preacher doing full-time service in Vermont, is withdrawing from the work to reside in Washington, D. C., where two daughters live, and where he will be chaplain of a boys' camp.

At adjournment of the annual session of Troy Conference, it was planned to meet October 2nd and 3rd. The conference entertainment committee has set Glens Falls, N. Y., as the place of the adjourned session. Special emphasis will be given to pension funds and to evangelism.

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